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SUBJECT: BRITISH VIEW OF NEW YAR SITUATION

1. DURING CONSULTATION IN LONDON JULY 12 OF NEW AMBASSADOR TO OMAN WOLLE, BRITISH OFFICIALS IN FCO AND CABINET OFFICE MADE CLEAR THEIR CURRENT ASSESSMENT THAT YAR'S NEW RULER IBRAHIM AL-HAMDI IS FAR FROM SECURELY IN POWER. OFFICIALS REFERRED REPEATEDLY TO HAMDI'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO CONSOLIDATE HIS REGIME, AGREEING WITH ERGGESTION THAT FORCES BACKING PRIME MINISTER EL-AYNI (FORMER AMBASSADOR TO UK) MIGHT BE AMONG THOSE PRESENTING AT LEAST POTENTIAL THREAT. BRITISH DID NOT SUBSTANTIATE THIS LINE OF THOUGHT BUT SEEMED UNIFORMLY TO ACCEPT IT. THEY DID NOT THINK HAMDI IS BY ANY MEANS OUT OF THE WOODS YET.

2. THEY ALSO BELIEVE IT UNLIKELY THAT HAMDI WILL MAKE ACTIVE EFFORTS AGAINST PDRY REGIME IN THE SOUTH FOR LONG TIME TO COME.

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